House Resolution No. 1796

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State high school athletic programs that truly embody the highest standards of sportsmanship, teamwork, training, and perseverance throughout the competitive season; and

Whereas, Mansfield High School in the Mansfield R-IV School District of Wright County sponsored a boys basketball team that ended the 2006-2007 season with an impressive 25-6 win-loss record and a Second Place finish in the Missouri State High School Activities Association Class 2 state championships; and

Whereas, admirably guided by head coach Terry Writer and assistant coach Cody Shelton with help from managers Heath Dugger, Austin Branham, and Justin Hinsley, the Mansfield boys basketball team consisted of seniors Marcus Sherman, Danny Thompson, Andy Morris, Tony Cornelius, Preston Goss, and Joey Neal; junior Quentin Berry; sophomores Landon Jarrett and Colton Jones; and freshmen Nathan Jones, Cody Clayton, and Jeremy Henry; and

Whereas, during its journey to the state finals, the Mansfield boys basketball team defeated Thayer by a score of 54-40 to win the District 9 championships, Crocker by a score of 88-66 in state sectionals, Marionville by a score of 49-43 in state quarterfinals, and Osceola by a score of 48-46 at the thrilling state semifinals where Danny Thompson sank a tie-breaking shot in the last second of play to claim the victory; and

Whereas, individual honors garnered during the 2006-2007 season included Marcus Sherman, Danny Thompson, and Quentin Berry being named to the All-District First Team; Marcus Sherman being selected for the All-State First Team; and coach Terry Writer earning the title Class 2 Coach of the Year; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its diverse legislative endeavors in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri high school athletic programs as the Mansfield High School boys basketball program at momentous times in their histories:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the accomplishments garnered by the Mansfield High School boys basketball team during the 2006-2007 season and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for taking Second Place at the Class 2 state championships; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Mansfield High School boys basketball program.

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1796, adopted April 5, 2007.